

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DOROTHY GRACE BOYAJIAN ON HER 53 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I pay tribute to an extraordinary teacher, Dorothy Grace Boyajian. For the past 53 years, she has been an inspiration to many of her colleagues by dedicating herself to serving the children of the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Ms. Boyajian was born in Camden, New Jersey, and arrived in the Bay Area with her parents in 1938. She attended Turnbull Elementary School, and later returned to the same building as a teacher. She attended professional growth classes at San Francisco State University, Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Boyajian still lives in the home her father built in Burlingame. She supports three children through Child Care International.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Boyajian's extraordinary teaching has received many awards. She has won the Who's Who in Teaching Award twice, was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame and was once judged to be one of the top 40 teachers in the United States. The litany of awards and honors bestowed upon her are indicative of the professional respect she has achieved, but Ms. Boyajian's true legacy is her students.

Since her first days as a teacher 53 years ago, Dorothy Grace Boyajian has instilled in her students an important lesson that no matter how big the world is, they can and should play a part in it. As part of this lesson her students would write to famous dignitaries whose responses line the walls around her classroom. This led to a memorable moment when a local television show came to her classroom and showed responses from Queen Elizabeth II and the then First Lady Nancy Reagan.

After a half century dedicating her life to teaching, Ms. Boyajian's passion for teaching and her commitment to this noble profession has not wavered. Ms. Boyajian has decided to retire in order to save the jobs of two of her younger colleagues. In what is truly the epitome of selflessness, Ms. Boyajian recently reflected on her retirement by saying, "I'll miss [teaching], but if it's going to help out some younger teachers, I'm willing to do it." It is a truly sad day when one of the most special teachers who has touched so many lives, has to retire due to budget cuts.

Mr. Speaker, the impact that Dorothy Grace Boyajian has made on the people of San Mateo County is immeasurable. From the dolls her students have given to her for her collection, to getting stopped on the street by former students and told how she has affected their lives, there is no doubt that Ms. Boyajian is a teacher admired by many. Other teachers who have been lucky enough to work with her have

described her as a mentor, and an inspiration to those who strive to make students feel like dignitaries themselves.

Mr. Speaker, another example of Ms. Boyajian's effect on the community can be seen by the fact that the San Mateo County Board of Trustees has declared that June 4, 2004 will be Dorothy Grace Boyajian Day, and the San Mateo-Foster City School Board will rename the Sunnybrae Elementary School, where she taught over the last 20 years, the Dorothy Grace Boyajian Elementary School for the day.

Teachers like Ms. Boyajian do not come along everyday, and seeing her retire, though well deserved, will certainly be hard on the community. I hope that all those who follow the path that Ms. Boyajian embarked upon over a half century ago find the same riches that she has found, the riches that you find in the hearts and minds of children.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dorothy Grace Boyajian, whose life has been dedicated to teaching the children of the Peninsula.

HONORING JUNE 4, 2004 AS LINC TELACU SCHOLARS DAY

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise to recognize June 4, 2004 as LINC TELACU Scholars Day. As a leading service organization, LINC TELACU Education Foundation in partnership with numerous corporations and universities, has helped to improve Latino communities including East Los Angeles by advancing higher education opportunities for thousands of young Latino leaders.

For over two decades, the Foundation has assisted talented Latinos overcome formidable barriers to academic success by providing millions of dollars in scholarships, as well as comprehensive educational support programs which include: leadership development, college retention, internships, counseling, mentoring, tutorial assistance, computer lab, college advisement and placement assistance, and parental support programs. In addition, TELACU was selected nationally as one of only two community-based organizations nationwide to deliver the TRIO Programs—Classic Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound, and Talent Search—through which middle and high-school students and veterans receive preparation for post-secondary education.

I would like to commend David C. Lizárraga, TELACU's President and CEO, and his executive staff for their leadership over the past year. Their dedication is helping Latino students overcome the effects of low income, inadequate support and counseling, and a lack of professional and academic role models and to become well educated community leaders.

Thanks to the successful leadership of LINC TELACU, every 2003 LINC TELACU Scholar achieved their high school diploma, college degree, or nursing degree. This year, LINC TELACU will help 600 more students accomplish their higher education goals. As the Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I am proud of these students for their commitment to succeed and wish them continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to recognize the many achievements and services provided by LINC TELACU. Please join me in honoring the LINC TELACU Scholars on June 4, 2004.

RECOGNIZING ERIC ADLARD FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Adlard, son of Mark and Laura Adlard, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 846, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in numerous scout activities. Over the years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Troop Historian, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Eric holds such special scouting honors as Arrow of Light, Faith in God, On My Honor, Order of the Arrow, Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and World Conservation Award. Eric holds twenty-six merit badges.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric built three concrete pads for the baseball bleachers at Cecil Baker Memorial Field in Buckner, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Damon Adlard for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Captain John Tipton who was recently killed in Iraq.

Cpt. Tipton, 32, a 1989 Granite City High School graduate, died this past Sunday in an explosion during combat in the Al Anbar Province in Iraq. The province, west of Baghdad,

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